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Spiritual Warfare

The Battle Against Principalities

6 Defenses to Help You Immediately Win in Spiritual Warfare

By Kyle Winkler | Charisma News

So much of spiritual warfare teaching infers a cosmic slugfest with the enemy. "Pray up," "fast up" and "suit up," we're instructed, in order to prepare for inevitable battle with the prince of darkness.

The issue with such teaching is that it largely relies upon our own efforts and often fails to remember Christ's efforts at the cross where Satan and his principalities were once and for all defeated (Col. 2:14-15).

I'm certainly not suggesting that Satan is obliterated or that we won't feel the heat of his attacks. He and his minions still loom, seeking for someone to devour (1 Pet. 5:8). But the enemy's wiles won't be defeated in our own strength or by our own efforts, as spiritual as they may seem. As presented below, the key to immediate and sustained victory over Satan's threats is still found at the cross.

What's at the Cross

In my book, *Silence Satan: Shutting Down the Enemy's Attacks, Threats, Lies and Accusations*, I remind readers that Jesus gave up His clothing and hung naked on the cross. The soldiers on the ground competed for a piece of His garment and eventually divided its articles among themselves (John 19:23). They wanted a little piece of this scorned man as a trophy to what they did that day.

But the clothing of Christ was worth so much more than the soldiers could have ever imagined. Though the soldiers each grabbed a piece of His earthly attire, Jesus left the garment of who He is at the cross so that you and I would go there and put on the entirety of His identity. The significance of this is huge for winning our spiritual battles! With Christ's identity clothing us, we possess His righteousness and the authority of His presence, which is why Paul urges us to "put on Christ" (Rom. 13:14).

The Uniform of Christ

Writing from a Roman prison, Paul observed soldiers moving about in their armored uniforms, and he used this illustration to correlate what Christians possess in the Lord.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. —Eph. 6:10-11

Notice that Paul instructs us to be strong and to find strength in the Lord's power so that you may stand. He doesn't say to put on the armor to fight, but that in the Lord you may maintain the standing of your identity in Christ against forces that seek to destroy it. God's armor isn't the armor of humans, after all (2 Cor. 10:4). No, it is armor of light with weapons of righteousness (Rom. 13:12; 2 Cor. 6:7).

Let's briefly explore what I detail much more completely in my book: how each article of the soldier's armor uniquely holds us in the victory of the cross.

THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

Belt of Truth

In Paul's day, the soldier's belt was a thick leather strap, girdled around his waist, with metal strips hanging down to protect his reproductive organs.

Paul encourages us to "fasten the belt of truth around your waist" (Eph. 6:14). Truth is foundational—it's what grounds us. The truth of God's Word is the only standard by which we can recognize and reject Satan's lies.

Our belts also protect our life-giving functions. Satan seeks to accuse us so that we feel disqualified from God's use. His lies and

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The Destruction of America Continues

By Ray Vallorani | Patriot Update

I stand amazed at the rapidity of the destruction of America nowadays. I understand from history that some of this destruction began in the early twentieth century. However, it seems now that we are experiencing steamroller destruction in many areas every time around.

It looks like the current administration in Washington D.C. has a new attack on the Constitution and American freedoms directed at the people.

For example, Obamacare. Americans have lost their healthcare coverage as the cost of premiums are rising because doctors are reportedly opting out of it.

It's logical to conclude that Obama wasn't intended to help Americans but was used as a tool to take away individual freedoms and another method of control.

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Baal Worship on The Rise

News 24

So often when one reads about the children of Israel choosing to worship Baal, in ancient times it's a bit of a picture. Let's take some time to show how the worship of Baal has in fact never left us.

First of all: who is Baal? Did you say 'is'? The term means 'owner' or 'lord'. Other names for Baal are Moloch/Milcom. Is this what the 'idol' represents there at 'Cremation' ceremony at Bohemian Grove, I wonder? Interestingly Baal's wife is Ashtoreth, who will return to a little bit later. The verb 'to have' means to have dominion over. The verb 'to be' is used of men to signify ownership of a house, land or cattle. The verb also means to take a wife and thus Baal also means husband.

The children of Israel left Egypt and their journey were involved in battles with various nations. Balak, king of the Moabites, heard of the Israelites and their conquest and we as part of his military strategic plan the following as recorded in Numbers 22:1-23:10. Then he sent messengers to Balaam of Beor at Pethor which is near the River Euphrates, the land of the sons of his people, to say: 'Look, a people has come from the east, and they cover the face of the earth, settling next to me! Therefore please, curse this people for me, for the Lord your God is mighty for me. Perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them out of the land. I know he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.' Then the Lord said to Balaam, 'Do not go with them, for they are an ungodly nation. I have blessed those who curse them, and I have cursed those who bless them. From the beginning of time, I have associated with the destruction of the people.

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...attempts to "steal" us from doing anything daring or influencing anyone beyond ourselves. But the truth of God's Word encourages us in who we are in Christ. Digest this truth today, and repeat it every day: "I'm accepted and made worthy by the Blood of Jesus Christ."

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Cosmic Consciousness: A New Age Deception

By Dr. Carroll M. Helm

A national convention was recently held in San Francisco, California titled "Wisdom 2.0. Summit." I was drawn to Tom Bunzel's review of the summit because it promised the prospect of enlightenment by today's greatest minds; or at least those who are considered wise in today's culture. What I actually encountered was a formidable list of the world's most prominent New Age thinkers and their disdain for the "monkey minds" of those who still consider wisdom to be something given to man by the hand of God.

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worshipping Jews, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If Baal is god then worship him, but if God be God then worship him."

It wasn't they that they had chosen Baal over God--they were worshipping both Gods side by side. That's why in Deuteronomy 16:21 it says, "You must never set up an Asherah pole (the female version of Baal) beside the altar of the Lord your God." I had already noticed in the story of Balaam earlier that he built his three separate altars of stone and killed seven bulls and seven rams all three times in order to practice his divination of calling on demonic spirits to help him put curses on Israel. I kept thinking, "Where is it that we see the sacrificing of bulls and rams on stone altars?"

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Similarities -- Progressives & Child Sacrifice

Today's Baal Worshippers

By Matt Barber | World News Daily

Modern-day liberals -- or "progressives" they more discreetly prefer -- labor under an awkward misconception; namely, that they are anything remotely "progressive" in the sense of the fundamental canons of their blind, unthinking humanist faith. In fact, today's liberalism is a sanitized retread of an antiquated religion, one that significantly predates the birth of the modern progressive movement: biblical Christianity.

While visiting the Rivermont Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg, Virginia, a few weeks back, I heard a troubling, albeit provocative, sermon. Pastor John M. Mabry addressed the ancient Canaanite practices of child sacrifice and, though he didn't reveal it, he had connected the dots to its present-day incarnation: modern liberalism.

In his sermon, Pastor Mabry argued that, although they've now assumed the trappings of a contemporary religion, the fundamental principles of Baal worship remain alive and well today. The pillars of Baalism were child sacrifice, homosexuality (both heterosexual and homosexual), and pantheism (reverence of creation as divine, or the Creator).

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